IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

PRESENT
THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE R.SUBHASH REDDY
WRIT PETITION NO : 14716 of 2006

Dated 18th JULY, 2006

Between

Smt. V.Sudharani ….Petitioner

And

The Conservator of Forest, Visakhapatnam and ors.

….Respondents.

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE R.SUBHASH REDDY

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ORDER:

This Writ Petition is filed by the owner of Saw Mill, namely, Sri Krishna Saw Mill and Furniture Works, Sirusuwada Village, Kothur Mandal of Srikakulam District, seeking Writ of Mandamus to declare the action of the respondents in not passing orders on the application for interim orders filed on 13-6-2006 as illegal and arbitrary, and, for consequential direction to stay the order of the second respondent dated 20-5-2006 passed in proceedings OR.No.58/2004-2005(PTP).

The Divisional Forest Officer, Srikakulam, by order dated 20-5-2006, rejected the application of the petitioner for renewal of saw

mill licence granted under A.P. Saw Mills (Regulation) Rules 1969, framed under A.P. Forest Act, 1967, mainly on the ground that the petitioner/applicant did not submit application form with prescribed fee and Timber Accounts in Form-III(A) and Form-III(B), within the specified time. As against the same, the petitioner preferred appeal on 13-6-2006. On the ground that her application for grant of interim order was not taken up for consideration, the petitioner approached this Court.

As much as application for renewal was rejected, the petitioner is not having valid licence to run the sawmill. Even the order dated 20-5-2006 passed by the Divisional Forest Officer, Srikakulam is stayed, the petitioner cannot run the sawmill unless her licence is renewed. As much as the petitioner has already preferred appeal as provided under Rule 11 of the AP Saw Mills (Regulation) Rules, 1969 and the same is pending consideration, I dispose of the Writ Petition directing the appellate authority-first respondent to consider and dispose of the appeal preferred by the petitioner, within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of this order, by giving opportunity to her.

Subject to the above direction, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

JUSTICE R. SUBHASH REDDY

DATE:18-07-2006.
Msnr.